

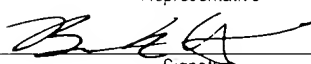


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/081,699  
U.S. Application of: Mitsutoshi NAKAMURA  
For: IMAGE FORMING METHOD  
Confirmation No.: 1268  
Customer No.: 24367  
Docket No.: 15162/04300  
Filed: February 22, 2002  
Group Art Unit; 2871  
Examiner: Jeanne A. Di Grazio

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2003 which provides for a response period ending July 22, 2003.

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, for one additional month to August 22, 2003, is being filed concurrently.

Application No. 10/081,699  
Amendment dated August 20, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of April 22, 2003

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: